6.0 Agency Consultation and Coordination

A coordination program was carried out for the Silver Bow Generation Project (the Project) to ensure that all appropriate members of the public and federal, state and local agencies were contacted, consulted, and given an adequate opportunity to be involved in the process. This section lists the agencies consulted during the scoping process.

To begin the agency scoping process, federal, state, and local agencies with an interest in the Project or the Project area were contacted and asked to provide comments about the proposed project, identify issues that would need to be addressed, and supply data, information, and mapping. Agency consultation and coordination was conducted by the Montana DEQ and the project sponsors.

6.1 Project Sponsors

Continental Energy Services, Inc. (CES) and Montana Power Company (MPC) prepared the baseline environmental information to aid the Montana Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) in conducting an environmental review of the Proposed Action and Alternatives under the Montana Environmental Policy Act. CES and MPC also conducted initial scoping activities by contacting federal, state and local agencies in advance of preparation of the EIS.

6.2 Agency Contacts

Federal Agencies

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